

2025-26 BUDGET

How the Council spends your money

Budget Overview

Parish Councils, irrespective of their size, have a statutory duty to prepare an annual budget. The budget sets out the Parish Councils anticipated spending requirements and estimated income for the financial year, 1st April to 31st March.

Drayton Parish Council plans to spend £262,389.49 in 2025-26 representing an increase of 6%. This increase is due largely to increases in the cost of repairs and maintenance supplies, as well as increases in fees from professional service providers used by the Council. To minimise the impact of these increases on the 2025-26 budget, the Council has drawn on its General Reserves.

Annual Budget
£262,389.49

Annual Precept
£209,784.00

Annual Amount Per
Household*
£102.73

Annual Increase*
£3.19

Where does the money come from?

Each year the Parish Council calculates the amount of money needed to deliver the expected level of local services, community benefits and planned improvements. It then calculates and deducts the income it expects to receive from sources such as external grants, hire charges and bank interest.

The difference between the Council's planned expenditure and anticipated income is known as the 'precept' and is collected by Broadland District Council as a portion of your Council Tax and paid to Drayton Parish Council.

Parish Councils do not receive any direct funding from central government and rely on 'the precept' and any other income it is able to generate to deliver the expected level of local services, community benefits and improvements.

What will it cost me?

For 2025-26, the Council has agreed a precept of £209,784.00, an increase of 3.2% from last year or £3.19 per band D property.

Where the money is spent

Drayton Parish Council provides, manages and maintains a number of facilities in the village including 3 play areas, 2 playing fields, 2 sports pavilions, a 3G pitch and Green Lanes.

In addition to facilities management the Council also provides a number of services which have been summarised below.

Finance & General Purposes

- Grants for local clubs, community groups and businesses.
- Provision for community events and national celebrations.
- Designated streetlighting maintenance and utilities.
- Compliance with legal and financial obligations.
- Administrative costs, Councillor training and website maintenance.

Environment & Highways

- Contracted services for delegated verge cutting.
- Maintenance of Green Lanes and trees on Council owned land.
- Resident competitions.
- Maintenance and repairs to street scene furniture including designated bus shelters, seating and bins.

Open Spaces & Property

- Regular upkeep and inspection of playgrounds.
- Grounds maintenance and security of playing fields.
- Repair and maintenance of sports facilities including pavilion maintenance.
- Repairs and upgrades to car parks, fencing, signage and pathways on Council owned land.

Staffing

- Salaries for Council staff who manage services and coordinate local improvements.
- Staff training and consultancy services.

Reserve Transfers

- Setting aside funds for replacement costs including play equipment, streetlighting and street scene furniture.
- Planning for significant updates to community facilities including 3g surface replacement, grass pitch improvements and allotments.
- Regular funds for cyclical payments ensuring year on year financial stability.

Want more information?

This document is produced to provide a summary of the 2025-26 budget for Drayton Parish Council. For full details of the budget, please visit our website www.draytonparishcouncil.gov.uk/finances